

California headed the Select Committee on China and has been an outstanding example of even temperament, fair-mindedness and bipartisanship in his handling of the House investigation of Chinese espionage at our nuclear laboratories.

Although there is considerable evidence that the administration has been selectively leaking the most sensational stories to the New York Times, the Cox Committee has been a tomb. No one has accused Chairman COX or anyone on his staff of leaking information about his long-awaited report, an extraordinary achievement in Washington.

Thus far, public statements by the gentleman from California have been judicious and moderate and he has bent over backwards not to be partisan, even though most of the espionage occurred during the periods 1994 and 1995. Instead, he has focused on what can be done about the problems at our Energy Department laboratories.

CHRIS COX, well done. The American people have benefitted greatly from your outstanding work on this extremely important issue.

COMMENTS ON COX COMMITTEE

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, recently Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson stated, "I can assure the American people that their nuclear secrets are now safe at the labs." Somehow I do not think the American people believe him.

In fact, the unanimous conclusion of the Cox Committee is also at odds with the Secretary's reassurance. The committee concludes that "such thefts almost certainly continue to the present day."

I am quite distressed at the reaction of the administration's spokesmen who even to this very day are downplaying the significance of the Cox report finding. And, of course, they are changing the subject.

The big news is not that our nuclear secrets were stolen. The incomprehensible news is what this administration has done about it when it was discovered in 1995 that the crown jewel of our nuclear arsenal, the W-88, was stolen by the Communist Chinese.

No one told the President.

The Justice Department denied the FBI's request for a wiretap on the clear and obvious suspect.

The issue, my colleagues, is what was done in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question de novo of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 355, nays 46, answered "present" 1, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 170]

YEAS—355

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Hostettler
Ackerman	Davis (VA)	Houghton
Allen	Deal	Hoyer
Andrews	DeGette	Hulshof
Archer	Delahunt	Hunter
Armey	DeLauro	Hyde
Bachus	DeLay	Inslee
Baird	DeMint	Isakson
Baker	Deutsch	Istook
Baldacci	Dickey	Jackson (IL)
Baldwin	Dicks	Jackson-Lee
Ballenger	Dixon	(TX)
Barcia	Doggett	Jefferson
Barr	Dooley	Jenkins
Barrett (NE)	Doolittle	Johnson (CT)
Barrett (WI)	Doyle	Johnson, E. B.
Bartlett	Dreier	Johnson, Sam
Barton	Duncan	Jones (NC)
Bass	Dunn	Jones (OH)
Bateman	Edwards	Kanjorski
Becerra	Ehlers	Kaptur
Bentsen	Ehrlich	Kasich
Bereuter	Emerson	Kelly
Berkley	Engel	Kennedy
Berman	Eshoo	Kildee
Berry	Evans	Kind (WI)
Biggert	Everett	King (NY)
Bilirakis	Ewing	Klink
Bishop	Farr	Knollenberg
Blagojevich	Fattah	Kolbe
Bliley	Fletcher	Kuykendall
Blumenauer	Foley	LaHood
Blunt	Forbes	Lampson
Boehlert	Ford	Lantos
Boehner	Fossella	Largent
Bonilla	Fowler	Larson
Bonior	Frank (MA)	Latham
Bono	Franks (NJ)	LaTourette
Boswell	Frelinghuysen	Lazio
Boyd	Gallegly	Leach
Brady (PA)	Ganske	Levin
Brady (TX)	Gejdenson	Lewis (CA)
Bryant	Gekas	Lewis (KY)
Burr	Gilchrest	Lofgren
Burton	Gillmor	Lowey
Buyer	Gilman	Lucas (KY)
Callahan	Gonzalez	Lucas (OK)
Calvert	Goode	Luther
Camp	Goodlatte	Maloney (CT)
Campbell	Goodling	Maloney (NY)
Canady	Gordon	Manzulio
Capps	Goss	Markey
Capuano	Graham	Mascara
Cardin	Granger	Matsui
Carson	Green (WI)	McCarthy (MO)
Castle	Greenwood	McCarthy (NY)
Chabot	Hall (OH)	McCrery
Chambliss	Hall (TX)	McDermott
Clayton	Hansen	McGovern
Clement	Hastings (WA)	McHugh
Clyburn	Hayes	McInnis
Coble	Hayworth	McIntosh
Collins	Herger	McIntyre
Combest	Hill (IN)	McKeon
Condit	Hill (MT)	McKinney
Conyers	Hilleary	McNulty
Cook	Hinchey	Meehan
Cooksey	Hinojosa	Meek (FL)
Cox	Hobson	Meeks (NY)
Cramer	Hoeffel	Menendez
Crowley	Hoekstra	Metcalf
Cubin	Holden	Mica
Cummings	Holt	Millender-
Cunningham	Hooley	McDonald
Davis (FL)	Horn	Miller (FL)

Miller, Gary	Reyes	Stabenow
Miller, George	Reynolds	Stark
Minge	Rivers	Stearns
Mink	Rodriguez	Stenholm
Moakley	Roemer	Strickland
Mollohan	Rogan	Stump
Moore	Rogers	Sununu
Moran (VA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Talent
Morella	Rothman	Tauscher
Murtha	Roukema	Tauzin
Myrick	Roybal-Allard	Taylor (NC)
Nadler	Royce	Terry
Napolitano	Ryan (WI)	Thomas
Neal	Ryun (KS)	Thornberry
Nethercutt	Salmon	Thune
Ney	Sanchez	Thurman
Northup	Sandlin	Tierney
Norwood	Sanford	Toomey
Nussle	Sawyer	Towns
Olver	Saxton	Traficant
Ortiz	Scott	Turner
Ose	Sensenbrenner	Udall (CO)
Owens	Serrano	Upton
Oxley	Sessions	Velazquez
Packard	Shadegg	Walden
Pascarell	Shaw	Walsh
Paul	Shays	Wamp
Payne	Sherman	Watkins
Pease	Sherwood	Watt (NC)
Pelosi	Shimkus	Watts (OK)
Peterson (PA)	Shows	Waxman
Petri	Shuster	Weiner
Phelps	Simpson	Weldon (FL)
Pickering	Sisisky	Weldon (PA)
Pitts	Skeen	Wexler
Pomeroy	Skelton	Weygand
Porter	Slaughter	Whitfield
Portman	Smith (NJ)	Wicker
Price (NC)	Smith (TX)	Wilson
Pryce (OH)	Smith (WA)	Wolf
Quinn	Snyder	Woolsey
Radanovich	Souder	Wu
Rahall	Spence	Wynn
Regula	Spratt	Young (FL)

NAYS—46

Aderholt	Gutknecht	Ramstad
Bilbray	Hastings (FL)	Riley
Borski	Hefley	Sabo
Brown (FL)	Hilliard	Stupak
Brown (OH)	Hutchinson	Sweeney
Clay	Kucinich	Tancred
Costello	LaFalce	Tanner
Crane	Lewis (GA)	Taylor (MS)
DeFazio	LoBiondo	Thompson (CA)
English	Martinez	Thompson (MS)
Etheridge	Moran (KS)	Udall (NM)
Filner	Oberstar	Vento
Gephardt	Pallone	Visclosky
Gibbons	Pastor	Weller
Green (TX)	Peterson (MN)	
Gutierrez	Pombo	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Scarborough

NOT VOTING—31

Boucher	Kilpatrick	Rush
Brown (CA)	Kingston	Sanders
Cannon	Klecza	Schaffer
Chenoweth	Lee	Schakowsky
Coburn	Linder	Smith (MI)
Coyne	Lipinski	Tiahrt
Danner	McCollum	Waters
Diaz-Balart	Obey	Wise
Dingell	Pickett	Young (AK)
Frost	Rangel	
John	Rohrabacher	

□ 1056

So the journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 170, I was unavoidably absent from the Journal vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: